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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The cited references were first called to Applicant's attention in a European Patent Search Report dated January 12, 2004 for counterpart European Patent Application No. 99308455.7. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited documents.

Applicant notes that U.S. Patent Nos. 5,430,298; 5,262,649; 5,187,369;

European Patent Application No. 0 555 907 A1; and WO 98/36290 were cited in the form

PTO-1449 in the Information Disclosure Statement submitted to the Office on October 27,

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the

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